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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group: 3731 }
 Atty. Docket: 9134-0051 }
 Applicants: Hans-Juergen Kuhr et al. }
 Title: LANCET DISPENSER }
 Serial No.: 09/389,428 }
 Filed: September 3, 1999 }
 Examiner: Ngo, L. }

Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

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Dated: March 22, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION AND FEE FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2001 in the above identified application for:

one month (\$110.00)
 two months (\$400.00)
 three months (\$920.00)

Applicant is a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27, therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, the resulting fee being \$_____. A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27 has already been filed in this application.

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

A response to the Office Action is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Please charge any fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted

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PATENT APPLICATION

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	20	21*	0	\$18	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	7	6**	1	\$80	\$80
If applicant has small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.					SMALL ENTITY TOTAL
TOTAL FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS					\$80

*If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

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An Extension of Time for two month(s) is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The required fee for filing this extension is: \$400

Information Disclosure Statement \$480

TOTAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT \$480

A check in the amount of \$480 to cover the total fee for this amendment is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Attorney of Record
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